

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action, it is noted with appreciation that Claims 13-15 and 17-20 are objected to but contain allowable subject matter. In accord therewith, Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of dependent Claim 13, now cancelled. Claim 14 is amended to depend on Claim 1 due to cancellation of Claim 13.

An obvious typographical error is corrected in Claim 8. Also, Claims 17 and 18 are amended to provide antecedent basis. In view thereof, all of Claims 1-11 and 14-20 are believed allowable.

In view of the allowability of Claim 17, new Claim 21 is added which generally combines the subject matter of original Claims 1, 16 and 17. Claim 22 is added which generally combines the subject matter of Claims 1 and 20. Allowance of added Claims 21 and 22 is respectfully requested. Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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